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Please add new claim 15.

A2 --15. A method of detecting the presence of PrPres in an organ or a tissue, comprising isolating PrPres from the organ or tissue in accordance with the method of claim 7, and contacting the isolated PrPres with an antibody capable of specific binding to the PrPres.--

REMARKS

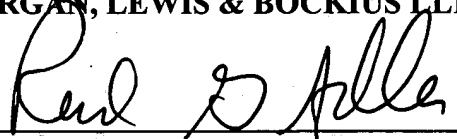
No new matter has been introduced by this Preliminary Amendment, and the changes involved are necessary to present proper U.S. English spellings and usage for the intended claims, as well as to eliminate improper multiple dependencies and to provide proper claim format for prosecution in the United States Patent & Trademark Office.

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